

His Highness is yet uncertain what Day he is to set out. Count Löwenhaupt having canton'd a Body of 4000 Foot and 800 Dragoons towards Nyot in order to cover that Part of the Country from the Incurſion of the Coſſacks, theſe latter within theſe few Days have had a Skirmiſh with a Swediſh Party, in which they killed about Fifteen or Twenty; and took Captain Hopken Prisoner, who is dangerously wounded. The two Brothers, the Feſt Marſhal and Senator Dolgoruki, arriv'd here two or three Days ago, the one from Slutzebourg and the other from Iweſogrod by Narva, where they had been confin'd ever ſince the Cataſtrophe of their Family at the beginning of the late Reign. Muſkin Puſkin, who was involved in Wolenſki's late Affair, and had a Bit of his Tongue ſnipped off, is likewiſe ſent for. Her Maſteſty has appointed three or four of thoſe who were Gentlemen of her Bed-Chamber when Princeſs, to be her Chambellans now, and ſhe has kept Mademoiſelle Lapikin, Daticheff and Aurora Mengden, who were all Ladies of the Court to the Great Dutcheſs, in the ſame Quality about herſelf. There was a Ball laſt Night at Court on Account of St. Andrew's Day, of which the Foreign Miniſters, by ſome Miſtake, were not apprized. But as ſoon as ever her Maſteſty came into the Ball and ſaw that none of them were there, ſhe gave Orders that they ſhould be immediately ſent for, upon which they all repair'd to Court.

*Vienna, Dec. 16, N. S.* By the laſt Letters from the Army of the 13th Inſtant, the Head Quarters was at Wittingau. A conſiderable Body of the Enemies wanted to paſs the River Moldau in the Neighbourhood of Budeweis, in order to enter into Upper Auſtria, to oppoſe the Operation of Count Khevenhuller's Army, but the Diligence made by the Great Duke has hitherto prevented their Deſign. The Troops which they had diſperſed in Upper Auſtria, have all retired behind the Fortification made at Ens and Lintz, and they have ſent all their Artillery to Paſſau. The Queen has given to Prince Hildburghauſen, the eventual Command of her Troops in Italy. The Bavarians having been ſome Time at Work upon a Bridge over the Ens, in order to return into Lower Auſtria, and to raiſe Contributions, were ſo diſturbed by the Huſſars under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Mentreſ, that they reſolv'd on the 8th Inſtant to diſlodge them from the Neighbourhood of the Town of that Name, and accordingly attacked them on the 8th Inſtant with two Companies of Grenadiers and four Hundred Foot. After a ſharp Skirmiſh the Huſſars to the Number of 200 only, not being able to ſtand the Fire of the Cannon of the Enemy, retired to Nemſ, though with the Loſs of one Man only, whereas the Enemy had 30 wounded and 12 killed; Count Clemeſt de Tonnerre was of the Number of the latter.

*Hague, Jan. 23 N. S.* By Letters from Madrid we are inform'd, that the French Squadron from Toulon had been driven into Cartagena in a very ſhatter'd Condition, having met with a moſt violent Storm, during which the Lightning had ſet Fire to the Masts and Rigging of a 70 Gun Ship, which they were oblig'd to cut away and throw over board, and that the ſame Accident had befallen ſome other Ships of the ſame Squadron. And it is likewiſe written from thence, that the Spaniſh Squadron from Cadiz which had enter'd the Streights on the 4th of the laſt Month, had been driven back into the Ocean by contrary Winds.

*Whitehall, December 26.*

Letters from Liſbon of the 5th Inſtant give an Account of the Arrival there of his Maſteſty's Ships the Bedford, Elizabeth, and Eſſex, with ſeveral Transports and Store Ships for Gibraltar, and that they were preparing, together with the Rocheſter, to ſail as ſoon as poſſible, in order to join Rear Admiral Haddock. There is likewiſe Advice, that his Maſteſty's Ship the Marlborough, which had been ſeparated from the reſt, is ſafely arriv'd at Gibraltar.

*Whitehall, December 26.*

On Tueſday laſt in the Evening about Six o'Clock, M. du Roſey, Gentleman of the Chamber to the King of Sweden as Landgrave of Heſſe, arriv'd here Expreſs from Heſſe Caſſel, with an Account, that on the 25th Inſtant, N. S. at half an Hour after Eleven at Night, her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Heſſe was happily deliver'd of a Prince. And on Wedneſday laſt the ſaid Gentleman had an Audience of his Maſteſty to notify the ſame.

*St. James's, December 24.*

This Day M. Waſenberg, Secretary from the King of Sweden, had a private Audience of his Maſteſty, to notify the Death of the late Queen of Sweden; to which he was conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Maſter of the Ceremonies.

M. Waſner, Miniſter Plenipotentiary from the Queen of Hungary, had a private Audience of his Maſteſty; to which he was conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Maſter of the Ceremonies.

*Dec 24.* Prince Sherbatow had a private Audience of his Maſteſty to notify the Election of the Czarina Elizabeth, to which he was conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Maſter of the Ceremonies.

*Dec 25.* M. Waſenberg had a private Audience of his Royal Highneſs the Duke.

And afterwards a private Audience of their Royal Highneſſes the Princeſſes Amelia, Caroline, and Ebuſa.

To both which Audiences he was introduced by Charles Cottrell, Esq. Maſter of the Ceremonies.